

**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1734**
Appl. No. 10/783,114
Amdt. dated July 24, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 24, 2006
Attorney Docket No. 1217-040374

Amendments to the Specification:

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 77 with the following rewritten Abstract. A clean copy of the Abstract is attached hereto.

~~It is an object to provide an~~ An apparatus and method for inspecting a film carrier tape for mounting electronic component, in which film carrier tapes for mounting electronic component provided with a plurality of electronic component mounting portions in multiple ~~stripes~~ strips in a transverse direction are exactly used and which can be inspected ~~at a time~~ simultaneously, so that ~~an~~ inspection efficiency can be greatly enhanced ~~very greatly, and furthermore~~ . Furthermore, the film carrier tapes for mounting electronic component are separated into individual ~~stripes~~ strips after ~~the~~ inspection and can be taken ~~upon~~ up on individual reels without a winding shift. A film carrier tape for mounting electronic component in multiple ~~stripes~~, strips which are unwound from an unwinding device, is cut into individual film carrier tapes for mounting electronic component in ~~stripes~~ strips by a slit device, ~~they are then~~ caused to run in parallel with each other and ~~are~~ simultaneously inspected in an inspecting section, ~~and then~~, then they are simultaneously taken ~~upon~~ up on a plurality of take-up reels attached to an identical take-up shaft of a take-up device in parallel with each other, respectively. —

Please replace the specification currently on file with the substitute specification attached hereto. A marked-up copy of the specification accompanies this Amendment, setting forth the changes made.